

Pizza and smoke detector delivery from local firefighters and Safe Kids Southeast Wisconsin Coalition Thursday, Oct. 21

CUDAHY – (October 12, 2010) – How would you like a pizza delivered by a firefighter in a fire truck? It could happen.

Families ordering pizza from South Milwaukee Pizza Hut (764-2330) between 4:00 PM and 7:00 PM on Thursday, Oct. 21 may get their dinner delivered by a firefighter thanks to "Delivering Fire Prevention," a program of Safe Kids Southeast Wisconsin Coalition.

This program is designed to increase awareness about the necessity of having working smoke and carbon monoxide detectors in every home, while reminding homeowners to change the batteries in their smoke and carbon monoxide detectors twice a year.

Families will be chosen at random to have their pizza delivered by a fire truck. If they have working smoke detectors in their home, their pizza will be free, compliments of the pizza restaurant. Some families may receive a free smoke or carbon monoxide detector, and all families will receive fire prevention education from Safe Kids Southeast Wisconsin.

The Cudahy Fire Department is among those participating locally. Children in homes without working smoke alarms are at greater risk for fire-related death and injury. Safe Kids Southeast Wisconsin recommends:

- Installing smoke detectors on every level in your home and in each bedroom.
- Testing smoke and carbon monoxide alarms monthly and replacing batteries twice a year.
- Replacing smoke detectors every 10 years.
- Creating and regularly practicing two escape plans from each room in your house. Have a designated meeting spot outside your house.
- Closely inspect your home to eliminate potential fire hazards such as replacing old or frayed electrical wires and appliance cords.

For more fire prevention tips, call Safe Kids Southeast Wisconsin at (414) 390-2178. Delivering Fire Prevention is sponsored by State Farm®, Safe Kids Southeast Wisconsin, area firefighters and local pizza restaurants.

A member of Safe Kids Worldwide, Safe Kids Southeast Wisconsin works to prevent accidental injuries, the leading cause of death among children 14 years of age and younger. The four-county (Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Washington, Waukesha) coalition combines the expertise of community agencies and individuals to prevent childhood injuries through collaboration, education, policy and advocacy initiatives. Children's Health Education Center, a member of Children's Hospital and Health System, is its lead agency.

For more information, call (866) 228-5670.

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Celebrating a Special Birthday in Our Community

Birthdays are special. This is especially true for the Packard Avenue Community Clinic that recently celebrated its 12th birthday.

The clinic opened its doors on September 15, 1998. Since that time, more than 15,000 patient visits have been recorded, including more than 600 health care visits this year alone. This 12-year milestone is especially significant since the clinic is staffed entirely by volunteers, including many Aurora Health Care caregivers who regularly donate their time and talents.

Located at 5854 South Packard Avenue in Cudahy, the clinic is designed to provide free, basic medical care to uninsured residents of southeast Milwaukee County on a short-term basis. This clinic is sponsored by Lakeshore Medical Clinic, with support from Aurora St. Luke's South Shore and private supporters. Physicians, physician assistants and nurse practitioners from Lakeshore Medical Clinics are a vital part of the volunteer staff.

The health clinic is only open on Tuesday evenings and all medical services are provided at no cost to those served. The medical problems treated at the clinic range from routine ailments to more serious medical conditions. Although the severity of their illness or disease varies, clinic patients share one important commonality - they have no other source for medical care.

One of the clinic organizers and long-time volunteer is Edward Wrench, RN, from the Cudahy Health Department.

Ed explained, "People treated at the Packard Avenue Community Clinic are not covered by Medicare, Medicaid, or any type of private insurance. Some are unemployed or between jobs and others work in low-paying jobs and simply can't afford medical treatment."

The clinic is open from 6 to 8:30 p.m., and can accommodate about 30 patients each week.

Ed said, "Since the clinic runs on a first-come, first-served basis, people can expect to wait awhile, before being seen by a medical professional. Most everyone is extremely grateful for the medical attention they receive."

The volunteer staff includes nearly 60 physicians and approximately 25 non-physician volunteers, including nurses and other volunteers who perform clerical duties.

Ed describes the clinic as being "a real grass-roots effort and a valuable asset to the South Shore community."

He said, "It allows physicians and others to give back to the community in a meaningful way. Before the clinic opened 12 years ago, there was no free medical care in this area. Today, the Packard Avenue Community Clinic continues to fill a growing need in our community. Additional volunteers are always needed, so we can continue to care for the health and well being of our own community."

Carolynn Glocka, Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer/Nurse Executive at Aurora St. Luke's South Shore, volunteers on the clinic's board of directors.

She said, "Everyone deserves to have access to basic medical care, regardless of their station in life or ability to pay. We are pleased to support such a worthwhile effort in our own community. We're proud of the Aurora caregivers and all of the volunteers who help keep this clinic running. To everyone involved with the clinic, we say: 'Happy 12th Birthday!'"

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Survey Project to Determine Needs and Challenges of Cudahy Small Businesses

CUDAHY – (September 29, 2010) – The City of Cudahy Department of Economic Development, in partnership with the UW-Milwaukee Small Business Development Center (SBDC), is launching a new effort to assist small businesses in the South Shore community of 18,000 residents.

Starting next week a UW-Milwaukee undergraduate intern will begin surveying Cudahy businesses with fewer than 500 employees, to determine current business conditions and significant challenges facing them in today's economy. The results of the survey will ultimately

help identify and develop education initiatives that will help these small businesses grow and prosper.

Last summer Cudahy joined forces with St. Francis and South Milwaukee and the UW-Milwaukee Small Business Development Center to form the South Shore Economic Advancement Consortium (SSEAC). In the fall of 2009 and the spring of 2010 the consortium offered a series of small business education seminars and entrepreneurship training for a nominal fee.

"We want to continue to provide valuable, inexpensive workshops for our business community," said Lara Fritts, Director of Economic Development for the City of Cudahy. "But first we want to take the pulse of our small business owners to find out exactly what their needs and concerns are so we can offer seminars that will be most rewarding to them."

The survey project in Cudahy will last nine months and will include telephone and face-to-face interviews as well as mail and e-mail questionnaires. The undergraduate intern will be paid by the UW-Milwaukee Center for Urban Initiatives and Research (CUIR).

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CITY PLANS FALL FESTIVAL

CUDAHY – (September 24, 2010) -- Celebrate fall with your friends and neighbors at the City of Cudahy Fall Festival on Friday, October 15th at the intersection of Packard and Squire Avenues. Civic groups are encouraged to participate in the event and should contact Mayor Tony Day at City Hall (769-2200 or 5050 S. Lake Dr.) for more information.

The Cudahy Farmer's Market will relocate to Packard and Squire between noon and 6 p.m. for the festival. At 5 p.m. other activities will begin, including Halloween costume judging for children and pumpkin decorating. Food and beverages such as hot dogs, brats, chips, soda and apple cider will be available for purchase.

The Fall Festival comes after a full summer of family activities in Cudahy including four movie nights in June, the City's annual 4th of July festivities, an International Cycling Classic bicycle race and National Night Out.

"There are still plenty of opportunities to come together as a community even though summer is over," said Cudahy Mayor Tony Day. "Our work continues to build a greater sense of unity in Cudahy, and we're proud of all of the free, family events we've been able to plan for our residents."

The Fall Festival on October 15th also will include a collection of non-perishable food and toiletry items for Project Concern.

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SEPTEMBER CITY-WIDE OPEN HOUSE TO SHOWCASE CUDAHY'S AVAILABLE HOMES AND QUALITY OF LIFE

CUDAHY – (August 25, 2010) – With affordable homes, beautiful parks and great schools among other amenities, Cudahy leaders believe the South Shore community along Lake Michigan is a great place to put down roots. That's why they are taking the unique step of holding their first ever city-wide open house, to cast a spotlight on all homes for sale in Cudahy.

Hosted by the Department of Economic Development, the open house on Saturday, September

25, 2010 will give prospective homebuyers an opportunity to tour dozens of single-family and two family homes within a short period of time. More than 100 homes are currently on the market in Cudahy.

"We asked all realtors and owners who are selling independently to hold their homes open between noon and 4:00 p.m.," said Lara Fritts, Director of Economic Development for the City of Cudahy. "The response was overwhelming. Everyone is looking forward to the opportunity to show off their properties -- and the entire community -- to a large group of interested buyers."

Before starting their tour, home seekers are encouraged to stop by Cudahy City Hall (5050 S. Lake Dr.) to pick up an open house map and meet with a banker to pre-qualify for a home loan. They'll also be able to research utility costs and find out about city departments and services.

A separate information area will be set up in the auxiliary gym at Cudahy High School (4950 S. Lake Dr.). Attendees will be able to get advice from home improvement experts and learn about the assets that contribute to Cudahy's great quality of life, including the Cudahy School District, local hospitals and parks and organizations such as the YMCA, Kelly Senior Center, Cudahy Lions Club and Cudahy Historical Society.

Mayor Tony Day says visitors who are not already familiar with Cudahy will be pleasantly surprised.

"This community is truly a hidden gem," Mayor Day said. "Our neighborhoods are affordable and stable and just a short ride to downtown Milwaukee and the airport. We have beautiful parks, great schools and a historic downtown that is undergoing significant revitalization."

Many Cudahy shops and restaurants have agreed to show their support for the Cudahy Open House by putting balloon bouquets or other eye-catching displays outside their businesses on the day of the event. Home seekers who stop inside could receive a coupon or discount on their purchase.

CUDAHY OPEN HOUSE

WHEN: Saturday, September 25, 2010

HOURS: Noon – 4:00 p.m.

WHERE: Cudahy neighborhoods, Cudahy City Hall (5050 S. Lake Dr.), Cudahy High School (4950 S. Lake Dr.)

COST: FREE

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